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Excise Officers Arrest 39 During IU Tailgating

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Nov. 11) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 39 people on 44 charges during tailgating at Indiana University's home football game against the University of Wisconsin yesterday.

That's up from 18 people arrested during tailgating when Indiana played Iowa on Nov. 3.

Officers arrested 36 people for illegal consumption or possession of alcohol yesterday, four of whom were less than 18 years old. Three people were also arrested for public intoxication. Two people were charged with possession of false ID. Three adults were arrested for furnishing or providing alcohol to a minor.

One 19-year-old woman from Ft. Wayne, Ind., was arrested for illegal consumption and public intoxication after officers saw her fall down twice. She was unable to stand without assistance. She tested .275% BrAC on a portable breath test. Excise officers took her to IU Health Bloomington Hospital for a medical evaluation because of her level of intoxication.

A 19-year-old man wearing a red "Indiana University Drinking Crew" jump suit, was arrested for illegal consumption and public intoxication after officers observed him pouring a Keystone Light beer into a plastic cup. The Aurora, Ill., man tested .22%BrAC on a portable breath test.

In Crawfordsville, Ind., excise police arrested eight people for illegal consumption or possession of alcohol during tailgating at Wabash College before the Monon Bell game against DePauw University.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.